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## The Circulation of the Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 1,000 of the 4,083 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent. of the people. In Windham it is delivered to over 900 houses, in Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

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### CIRCULATION

1901, average	4,412
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### BARE AND UNSIGHTLY SPOTS.

Every city has its bare and unsightly spots and a few cities have a method for beautifying bare places. In every city where the Pingree idea has taken root the bare and unsightly spots are made to yield vegetables to those who will work them and are beautified by the useful purposes which they are put. Men by them are taught to work the land and to gather the harvest and upon such lots men and women have found health, and also a future occupation which kept the wolf from the door. Worcester is such a city and this year we note the bare and unsightly spots in demand by the people who are willing to make them thrifty and productive. The bare and unsightly spots in any city are an eyesore, and it is surprising that men will be unmindful of the way in which they disfigure neighborhoods while they hold them for a valuation which results from cleanliness, thrift and enterprise of the neighbors and not from anything they may do. The citizen who leaves his lot to grow ragweed and spread hay fever is doing an injury to the town and to his neighbors.

### HOLD UP THOSE PRUNING SHEARS.

All householders who grow shrubs and vines have their duty they have already cut back the rose bushes and grape vines and honeysuckles, etc.; but the amateurs should realize that the pruning shears can do as much harm as good if ignorantly used. Because they may be profitably used upon the currant and gooseberry bushes is no reason why they should be applied to the early spring flowering shrubs like the deutzia, the mock orange, the weigela or other floral beauties, for to clip these is to deprive them of the bloom which is due this year, for the flower buds were all formed last year, and it is after the season of blossoming that the pruning shears should be applied. Then cutting out the old wood gives a chance for the new wood to grow and for the next spring flowers buds to form. A misuse of the pruning shears by amateurs accounts for the refusal of spring shrubs and some roses to bloom for amateurs. Knowledge is essential to success.

### ON THE DIAMOND.

The baseball season is open and the cry of "Play ball!" will be heard daily in all parts of the land as soon as April lets the bases stay above water long enough to play the game.

It is the great American vibrating and muscle-building game and not only invites the individual attention of a majority of the male population, but prompts a large part of the women to visit the grounds and the bulletin boards and to inquire "What's the score?"

It holds enjoyment for everybody but the umpire and it is well he should be struck some one always gets a chill.

When the strawberry shortcake gets in vogue we shall have a messenger of spring staying with us we shall hate to see depart.

### WHERE WEALTH WITHERS.

A Chicago minister recently expressed his contempt for rich skinflints who in their relation to the church were a withering blight instead of a benefit, and he had the courage to say that he had patience with the uncharitable and even with the liar, but he did not have any for the millionaire who had a tight grip upon his money bags and who made himself a check to the material prosperity of the church. To illustrate his meaning he cited a case where a millionaire was in the membership of a church \$100,000 in debt and he would pay only \$50 a year toward the expenses and everybody gauged their contributions by this man's parsimony with the result that the church was constantly making deficits. The millionaire was finally routed and within a year thereafter the church freed itself from debt and went on swimmingly. He does not regard the close-fisted rich man as a desirable member of any religious society—and boldly advocated his expulsion as of material and spiritual advantage to the church. Bold doctrine, but not groundless.

### A SOCIALIST THREAT.

People who read ex-President Roosevelt's dissertation on Socialism in the recent issue of The Outlook, in which he charged certain kinds of socialists with all sorts of attack on the United States, will learn with interest that the socialist party of New Jersey is thinking of suing The Outlook for libel. There is probably not the least ground for recovery, but such a suit might clear up popular doubts as to where ordinary socialists stand on this question—Waterbury American.

It might be educational were such a suit possible, but the likelihood is that it is only a threat, since Mr. Roosevelt's charges were impersonal and bore especially upon no individual. There are so many types of socialist, and the regard for marriage is held so loose by at least a few eminent leaders among them, that the impression is quite prevalent that they represent the whole. This threat is not likely to be carried out for the simple reason that the socialist party of New Jersey cannot get into court as a plaintiff or a defendant.

### ABUSE OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

Russia in punishing some of her bravest commissioned officers for surrendering to a foe they could not conquer showed that she was far behind the other civilized nations in the treatment of men who failed because of no fault of their own. It is announced that Rear Admiral Gregoroff and Lieutenant Smirnov, two veterans of the Japanese war, who were sentenced to death for surrendering their forces, and who finally were given ten years' imprisonment instead have been pardoned, and this is regarded as a indication that Russia is about to open the prison doors and let her brave men out, so the release of General Stoessel and Admiral Nebogostoff is expected soon. Russia showed slight progress in the fact that she did not execute any of the officers who she condemned for incompetence, cowardice or treachery, and she seems to be advancing when she recognizes that these very men are needed in re-establishing her military and naval status. It was a shame thus to disgrace them and the reading world is pleased to learn of their prospective release.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: The man who cannot keep cool in warm weather is deficient in power.

Professor Starr says American young men do not know how to throw a kiss; but they manage to get them there.

This is the part of the year when all the baseball teams are quite certain that the pennant is coming their way.

It appears to be paradoxical to say that the harder it rains the more soft water we get; but it cannot be denied.

If Castro understood the art of the stowaway he might get back to his dear Venezuela upon a Venezuelan vessel.

We have all got to keep busy until July, so that the anniversary may have our best and most complete attention.

One Connecticut paper has discovered that the Congressional Record makes a first-class wrapper for exchanges.

The latest reason the boys give for not liking to stay on the farm is that it is too lonesome with the girls off to college.

When it comes to identifying bars on the spot, perhaps Theodore Roosevelt has the greatest reputation of any American.

Mr. Rockefeller has been so much talked about by the papers that the publishers regard his book as a paying proposition.

The grand opera always presents a charming prospect, but when the ballet is to be struck some one always gets a chill.

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### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

#### The Inevitable Bumps.

Mr. Allen, who a little while ago was postmaster at Middletown, says some true things about the fate and fate of politics. Bumps like the one from which he is suffering are inevitable. "The man who suspends himself from politics without any other support is likely to fall any time, with results more or less disastrous. He should have either some reliance of fortune on which to fall back when the smash comes, or a philosophical spirit such as Mr. Allen possesses. Young men who are thinking of entering the game might get some very useful advice from Mr. Allen about how to fall."

#### Homesick.

Memo, the Eskimo boy brought from the Arctic by Commander Peary, has run away with the intention of returning to his home in the far north. By so doing he has spoiled an interesting experiment in civilization, but he has probably saved his life. Hereafter every ill-bred Eskimo brought to this country has died of pulmonary trouble.

#### A Condition.

In a letter to the Rev. John P. Peters, who is seeking to have New York saloons open for a part of Sunday, District Attorney Jerome states that one reason why the closing law cannot be enforced is that the law is per of courts and juries is affected by

### THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

## WE HAD A PET.

"This early spring weather always makes me homesick," said the suburbanite, showing not the least partiality, whereas it was the only human being that did not wish the best dead fifty times a day.

"Simulate the lambkins and skip it," said the other man. "That is to say, cut it out."

"I prefer to emulate the brooks and babble," insisted the suburbanite. "You'd better listen, for I'm in the mood to unload a few reminiscences on you. And, speaking of lambs—"

"We were speaking of lambkins," corrected the other man. "That is to say, 'This growing spring weather has turned them into lambs already,'" explained the suburbanite. "They'll be sharp presently. I prefer lambs myself, with or without the sauce. There is nothing prettier than a young lamb. To gaze into its innocent face is to gaze into a man's soul for all the mean things he has done in his life. It has such a calm serenity, such a pure, unworldly look, that one is touched and almost awed by the creature's simplicity. It is a two-thirds alloy and the rest speculation as to whether or not it is ready."

"Really?" said the other man. "By the way, this tariff bill—"

"I was always fond of pets when I was a boy," continued the suburbanite. "And my fondest dream was to have a pet lamb. Finally my dear father consented to my having one, though he said that any old sheep knew better how to raise a lamb than did a fat-headed boy who couldn't learn his multiplication table."

"I put my pet in the wagon shed and started my sheep ranch there with a patent medicine bottle which I provided with a noose made out of the hair of an old buckskin glove. The commissary supplies were obtained by regular visits to the cow shed a little before the regular milking time mornings and evenings."

"That lamb was a great success as a pet. For affection it had the fool lamb that Mary owned beaten out of sight. You remember that the lamb

gave it effectual protection; every successive government raises at least a third of its budget by the trade in drink. The drink trade is our shame, scandal and sin, and unless brought under by the will of the people it will be our downfall. Alas, in America also does the 'sleeping partner' for a money consideration, give its protection to the drink trade. Do you know how your will may help to break up the unholy alliance between the government and the greatest fraud of the age? Vote against it."—Cardinal Manning.

Made in London.

By the way, in view of Mr. Roosevelt's well known hustling methods, why not call him now "The Express-land" and London Punch.

Rev. Dr. Warren Hathaway, for 45 years pastor of Blooming Grove church, twelve miles west of Newburgh, N. Y., died, aged 81 years. He was a native of Saratoga county and was graduated from Oberlin college.

"Disgraced Citizen" will ask his barber, or his bartender, if he patronizes, he will doubtless learn his congressman's name. Most assuredly he can learn from that holder of a political office who calls for his garbage can in the morning. If "Disgraced Citizen" doesn't know his congressman's name, presumably he didn't vote either for him or against him. Said a Massachusetts congressman when the fight against Cannon was at its height:

"Oh, yes, I'm getting the letters and telegrams—hundreds of them; but I don't care. I've had my secretary look all those fellows up, and not one of them ever attended a caucus."

If the reply of Collier's does not hit the man who sent the letter, it hits a thousand others, all the same, whose aim in election politics is to find fault with a man who acts to the extent of his ability and rights and then criticizes him as a record that will back him up in all he says, but the man who gives himself away as does the East Orange critic does not appeal with very much force to the discriminating authority on political things.—Bridgeport Standard.

Taft's Philippine Gifts.

"When the free-trade bill for the Philippines passes congress and comes up to President Taft for signature," says Manila Times, "he will have a gold pen with a pearl handle made wholly of gold and pearl from the Philippines with which to affix his signature to that important document. Some time ago Manager Schwilgins of La Concha button factory conceived the idea of making a pearl handled gold pen and pearl inkstand and he sent to President-elect Taft as a memento of the Philippines that might be kept on his desk as a constant reminder of the islands across the sea."

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"The end of the pen is engraved near the point with the president's initials in a monogram enclosed in a shield. Above this engraving is another of a Filipino nipa house in the country, with bamboo trees around it, and on the opposite side is engraved a Filipino carrying a load of palay."

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